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Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Dear Ms. Balkos,

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent and your request is denied.

At the time of issuance of your patent it was the practice of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to include the complete address of each person listed as inventors on the front of the Patent. The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) rule was changed with the directive "beginning March 1, 2011, the inventor mailing address will not be printed on any Grant front page. Before that date, the inventor mailing address was printed on some Grant front pages (specifically, those on which no assignee information was being printed)."

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The Certificates of Correction Branch did not receive your letter and request sent on March 14, 2011, to Robert L. Stoll. This letter is responding to the one sent February 25, 2013, addressed to Margaret A. Focarino.

If you should have any other questions or concerns you can contact me directly, 703.756.1569.

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